Malaria in Madhya Pradesh

1266. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the reports that the incidence of Malaria is on the increase in large areas of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what remedial action is being taken to check the disease; and

(c) what are the long term measures that Government propose to take to ensure that such sudden spurts in the incidence of Malaria do not take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) As per reports received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, there is an increase in the malaria cases during 1986 as compared to 1985.

The following specific steps are being taken to control the incidence of malaria:

1. To contain the transmission of malaria residual insecticidal spray are being carried out in areas where Annual Parasite Incidence (API) is 2 and above.

2. Stress has been laid for regular fortnightly surveillance in all malariaous areas of the State.

3. Laboratory service has been decentralised at the Primary Health Centre for prompt examination of blood smears and administration of radical treatment without any time-leg.

4. Drug distribution centres and Fever Treatment Depots are functioning in the remote areas of the State to make available anti-malaria drugs to the fever cases. To contain P. falciparum strain, a P. falciparum Containment Programme is functioning in the problem areas.

Statement by Minister

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1987, to Starred Question 281, regarding Delay in Baggage clearance by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Smt. Bijoya Chakraborty, M.P., had asked a question about bags containing insecticides or some other similar stuff lying at some airports for months together. The reply given mentioned the procedure regarding baggage. The elaboration on the matter is as follows:—

Bags containing insecticides or other material arriving as incoming cargo at Airports can be for:

(1) airport delivery; or

(2) delivery at the City Office.

When such consignments arrive at an airport, the consignee is informed on the phone as well as in writing, and requested to collect the cargo. If cargo is not collected within three days, a reminder is sent and demurrage charges are levied wherever applicable.

Depending upon the airport facilities for cargo, it is kept at the airport or sent to the city cargo office. In case of delay in collection of such cargo, instructions are sought from the consigner, at the station of origin, and the goods disposed of.

If after three months cargo is not collected, it is sent to the Stores Department of the airlines for auctioning.